

# FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER



May, 2019

## POPS CONCERT!

Our FINAL concert of the year is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at 7:00p.m. in the auditorium!

All of the music performed during this concert will be “popular” in nature – and we have some really great tunes for our audience!

## GRADUATION

All members of the FFCHS Band, who are not seniors, will perform for the FFCHS Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. at FFCHS.

*Congratulations to the class of 2019!!!*

## A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL SEASON!

The FFCHS Bands have been working hard over the duration of the semester to prepare for the numerous music festivals hosted around the area. CONGRATULATIONS to both the Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble for earning Superior ratings at the CHSAA Large Group Music Festival in April!

The Trojan Jazz Band earned a Superior rating at the Pikes Peak Jazz Festival in mid-April! This was the first time our jazz band performed for the jazz festival, and did a GREAT job!

**Don't miss your last chance** to support the Trojan Jazz Band at the Music & Blossom Festival! The jazz band will perform on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00p.m. at Florence High School!

*Congratulations to all of our talented musicians!*

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*“The true beauty of music is that it connects people.” - Roy Ayers*

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## ALL STATE BAND AUDITION MATERIAL 2019-2020

With the end of the school year quickly approaching... it's time to start thinking about next year!

The Colorado All State Band audition material will be available to students before the end of the school year. Any 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student is able to audition for All State, and students are highly encouraged to audition! We have many talented musicians in our program.

The music for All State Band is the same as the Colorado Springs All City Band – let's get a strong representation from FFCHS next year! Interested students should speak with Mr. Race and get their music prior to the summer!



Figure 1 The ASU Brass Ensemble!



Figure 2 The Jazz Band at the Pikes Peak Jazz Festival on April 12. Bravo on a job well done!

### Contact Mr. Race

Email: [jrace@ffc8.org](mailto:jrace@ffc8.org)

Website: [www.trojanband.org](http://www.trojanband.org)

*Please allow a 24 hour response time for email! ☺*

## MARCHING BAND MINI-CAMP

Marching Band Mini-Camp is coming! All students who are planning on participating in Marching Band in the fall should plan on attending mini-camp.

Mini-Camp will be held May 28, 29, 30 from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Mini-Camp will be an opportunity to begin working on the show music before summer really gets in swing, as well as provide an chance for section leaders to meet their sections!

***Please plan on attending if you're a member of marching band!***

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 BAND LEADERSHIP!

We had many great applications, auditions, and interviews for the 2019 Band Leadership Team! Congratulations to the following for their 2019 positions:

Drum Majors: Bethanie Johns & Grace Terry; Captains: Jordyn Glackman, Trenton Stenger, Jackson Campbell, Maggie Robinson;  
Section Leaders: Cate Hake, Kristiana Johns, Jackson Cole, Cheyenne Goddard, Dakota Bingham, Gabi Chanudet, Alana Lente, Chris Nedd.

***Leadership Team will meet during ACCESS on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming season!***

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR MAY

May 3 – Jazz at Blossom Festival – 6:00p.m.

May 9 – Band Pops Concert – 7:00p.m.

May 25 – Graduation – 9:00a.m.

May 28 – 30 – Marching Band Mini-Camp

Please refer to the band website for a live calendar for summer events!



### Jazz Band

Dr. Van Gilder, assistant director at CSU-Pueblo and the director of the jazz bands at CSU-Pueblo, visited our jazz band and provided a clinic!

Jazz Band will be second semester next year, with an option of a second jazz ensemble rehearsing after school in the spring! Students who are interested in jazz band should speak with Mr. Race!

***Jazz Band is fun!!! ☺***